

MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY beginning at 7:30 pm.

Attending: Mayor Dave Merandy and Trustees: Marie Early, Michael Bowman, Cathryn Fadde and Frances Murphy

Also: Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant; Greg Phillips, Water and Wastewater Superintendent; and William Bujarski, Building Inspector

Board Members: Jeff Phillips, Chair Recreation Commission; Al Zgolinski, Chair Historic District Review Board; and Jennifer Zwarich, Chair Tree Advisory Board

Mayor Merandy opened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MONTHLY BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Recreation Commission approved the Seastreak docking application and will be considering fees for next year.

The Planning Board is currently reviewing a proposal for a bakery/café at 15 Main Street and a two lot subdivision application for property located at 26 Rock Street.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is reviewing documents from the original hearing in preparation for their deliberations on the D'Urso appeal, as ordered by the court.

Al Zgolinski presented the HDRB monthly report. The board is reviewing code updates with attorney Bill Hurst and coordinating with the Code Update Committee to determine potential overlaps.

Trustee Fadde will follow up with Putnam County Economic Development to request financial assistance for tourism related expenses.

The Cold Spring Boat Club submitted a seasonal report for 2015 and reported 826 boats docking at the boat club with a total of 2,922 visitors.

To date, the Cold Spring Fire Company has responded to 101 calls, twelve within the month of August.

The Tree Advisory Board is completing their update of the 2011 tree inventory, developing a list of criteria for judging public requests for tree work and working toward development of priorities, yearly plans, and the draft Tree Management Plan.

The Code Update Committee members continue work on NYSERDA Grant funded analysis of code sections related to waterfront recreation, code inconsistencies and omissions, livable floor space and assigning research on parking standards.

FINANCIAL REPORT – THREE MONTH BUDGET ANALYSIS

As it is early in the fiscal year, the only items that are highlighted in the three month review are items that have already exceeded the budget.

Revenues: No significant variances in revenue as of 8/31/2015

Expenses:

Shared Services – We are under slightly on the Computer software payment to Harris by about \$500.00. However, we are over budget in computer support and computer technology by \$2,400 as a result of the migration to the new server. The actual cost was higher than budgeted for.

Insurance – Our insurance costs this year are about \$7,000 higher than last year.

Police – The server migration for the police department was under budget by about \$700.00

Employee Benefits – The current estimate from the state for the retirement payment to be made by the village in December is \$20,000 less than budgeted, and the payment for Workers' Compensation was \$1,200 less than budgeted.

DISCUSSION OF TOWN PHILIPSTOWN BUDGET REQUEST

The board discussed a budget request for Town of Philipstown Fire Protection. After discussion, Trustee Bowman moved to leave the requested amount at \$16, 193 and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF PAVING BIDS

All bids received for paving sections of Wall Street, Paulding Avenue and the entire municipal parking lot on Fair Street exceeded the available budget. Mayor Merandy reviewed a memo from Attorney John Furst outlining options available to the board. After discussion, Trustee Bowman moved to reject all three bids and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously approved. Trustee Murphy moved to re-advertise for three separate projects with alternatives and seconded by Trustee Bowman and unanimously approved.

WATER AND WASTEWATER

Greg Phillips reported on the status of ongoing projects:

- a. West Street pump station is online and running smoothly
- b. Wastewater plant aeration system upgrades- the pre-engineered building is scheduled for delivery on 9/21 and the new 200 KW generator was set in place
- c. Replacement of 18' of collapsed sewer main on Parsonage Street was completed this week
- d. With regards to the water department, submission of RFPs for the design of repairs to the upper dam is expected on September 11th

Reservoir status is at 72%. There was discussion about instituting an outdoor water use ban. The board favored voluntary restrictions and will revisit this issue in two weeks.

A Clean Water project grant application was submitted for assistance with replacing the Market Street pump station, and relining the sewer mains on Fair, Market, Fish and North Streets.

A Drinking Water grant application was submitted seeking funds to assist with upgrades to the emergency connection to the Catskill Aqueduct.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor spoke about complaints received from a Chestnut Ridge resident about dust coming from the Butterfield construction site. Mr. Bujarski inquired about waiving permit fees for the Fjord trail signage and for Butterfield Library improvements. As the board has not approved the signage on public properties, it's premature to consider any request to waive Fjord trail permit fees.

A request to waive fees from Butterfield Library was received today and will be considered at a subsequent meeting. The board inquired about the status of fencing placed on public property on Market Street. Mr. Bujarski advised that the owner will be receiving an order to remedy.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During the month of August, the department rebuilt curbs on Parrott Street and Mountain Avenue, removed tree stumps on Main Street, performed vehicle maintenance, cleaned catch basins using Putnam County Highway equipment, repaired steps at Maple Terrace, used three tons of blacktop to repair holes and curbing and assisted with water department repairs.

POLICE AND JUSTICE COURT

The Police Department will continue enforcement of overtime parking regulations. Further, the department will monitor school zones, paying attention to new drivers to assure seat belt use and avoidance of cell phones while driving.

The Justice Court collected \$5,698.00 during the month of August.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Senior Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th at Mayors Park.

DISCUSSION ON FJORD TRAIL SIDEWALKS

Trustee Early anticipates an increase in traffic on Fair Street with the Fjord trail and spoke of parking concerns. She asked if there was consideration of eliminating parking on the east side of Fair Street from Northern Avenue north to allow for an enlarged travel area and shoulder space.

Trustee Early moved to approve the plans for the Fjord trail sidewalks on Fair Street, with the provision that the current layout is followed and the fence is installed prior to the sidewalks so there is no destruction of the fields. Motion seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The New York Department of Public Service is holding public hearings on a Time Warner Communications merger and Energy Affordability and Low Income Utility Customers.

BILL APPROVAL

Trustee Fadde moved to approve payment of the audited bills, batch number 3249 in the amount of \$62,824.64, seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously approved.

With no public comment or business before the board, Trustee Fadde moved to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk